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To see all kinds of daylilies in bloom, the Garden must be visited every month from April to October; but here on paper we will take you in a few minutes through the whole season in our Garden, which is in Hyattsville, near Washington, D. C. Although there are over a thousand other kinds of ornamental plants on the place, including 300 unnamed kinds of Japanese iris blooming in June, and many variations of the wild Turkscap lily, blooming in July, in the wetter ground, this survey will be limited to hemerocallis (daylilies, to distinguish them from lilies which belong to a different family).

The breeding areas contain hundreds of unnamed clones that have not yet been discarded, and the show and stock gardens have over 300 named kinds, with great variety and beauty of form, size, and color of flowers. The early ones are mostly from one to two feet high when in bloom, the summer bloomers three to four feet, or a few higher. Beside these listed below in order of the time they usually begin to bloom, many new and rare creations from other daylily producers' gardens may be seen.

In early May or even in April the dwarf orange DR. REGEL and the unusually long-stemmed yellow ELIZABETH bloom, as well as the grass-leaved lemon GRACILIS. A little later are SOVEREIGN, buff, GOLDDUST, yellow, and TANGERINE, orange. With them, a fine light yellow, "APRICOT," needs the correct name. A four-inch buff with six faint bright spots near the throat is yet to be named. BUCKEYE begins here, with large brown patches on the three petals. Some of the flowers of MRS. JONES have 7-12 segments.

Late in May we have the star-like AUREOLE with black anthers, the small brown-flowered BRUNETTE and the old lemonlily with long-lasting pale yellow flowers.

The thousands of early flowers are almost gone by the last of May or first part of June. SEMPER-FLORENS of medium height, with good yellow flowers on well-branched scapes, well fills this gap. Other good yellows here are GLORIANNA and QUEEN OF MAY. AJAX and SUNGOLD are orange. Superb newer ones will soon fill this period.

The great variety of forms and colors gradually increases through June and July. So many excellent new seedlings fill the breeding garden then that one is at a loss which to select; but we have just named one SISTER SALLIE, blooming through June with large cream outer segments, and pale pastel pinkish petals. In early June the large pale yellow GAIETY and the better formed MODESTY are fine old Betscher originations. Here begins BIJOU, with small orange and dark red flowers, and the pale orange IRIS PERRY. Soon comes the old EUROPA, still good, even if wild all over the world. Our old bi-color, WOODRIDGE, yellow and dark red, open 26 hours, may bloom in mid-June or various other times. Others in mid-June are: HANNAH DUSTIN, small, fine formed, light yellow flowers; J. A. CRAWFORD and SIR MICHAEL FOSTER, with large yellow flowers; MAE, a new apple red; GLOAMING, light brown and yellow; LIDICE, orange brown; ANTARES, red brown; CRAEMORE HENNA; CRAEMORE RUBY; VULCAN, dark red; DUCHESS OF WINDSOR, one of the best of all, with round tipped petals of light orange and a touch of other colors; and the dark red MAHARAJAH. FRANCES is low with light orange-brown and buff wide open flowers; DR. HUGHES is similar. MI-

from SPRING to FALL

KADO, orange with three large brown areas, was long the highest rating daylily.

In late June are: PATRICIA, a highly rated light yellow; bright yellow OPHIR, also a top rater; J. S. GAYNOR, a wide and full yellow; CINNABAR, an old red and orange; CIRCE, a beautiful small-flowered yellow. GOLDENI, GERTRUDE and DOVER are orange. HAVILAH is very vigorous and heat enduring, the large bright yellow segments very thick.

The last days of June and the first part of July are the peak of bloom of the many colored summer blooming hemerocallis. MONGOL, soft yellow, is the largest flower among our daylilies. There are plenty of large unnamed yellows now. HYPERION is a much-liked lemon yellow, HESPERIS another, both with large and well-formed flowers. The similar CALYPSO is night blooming. FLORIDA has light purplish brown petals. MAYOR STARZYSKI is bronzy rose. GYPSY is a good orange. SIRIUS has a shaded throat on orange, BURGUNDY is low, the flower red brown. REDAHD is dark crimson with light center stripe in the petals. BICOLOR is light yellow with rose-tipped petals. CABALLERO, dull pink petals and yellow sepals, is the best of the bicolors. LINDA is a various-colored bicolor of great vigor. One of the lightest yellow is PALEMOON. SERENADE is a small-flowered light yellow and pink pastel. MELO, with wide rounded segments, is yellow and pale brown. RAJAH is bright orange red with darker eye. MACULATA is a much lighter and larger flower of similar color design. A bed of the small-flowered GLOWING looks like a spot of sunshine. Many people still like the ancient double-flowered KWANSO. IMPERATOR has a star-shaped red flower with narrow segments. GOLDEN WEST, GOLD IMPERIAL, EMILY HUME and SOUDAN are good yellows. CURLYPATE is a pale buff. BURNING STAR is crimson. BURMAH is pale orange. PRINCESS is a good lemon.

Beginning in mid-July the finely formed yellow MRS. WYMAN continues in flower till mid-August, as does the rather red MARGARET PERRY. DAWN is pinkish; so is PEACHBLOW. GEORGE YELD has a large yellow flower with red markings. BAGDAD has a mixture of dark red and orange. ORANGE REX is a 5-6 foot orange. So many new July blooming clones with beautiful bell-shaped orange-colored flowers are so near alike that they are handled as a mixture without names.

In late July and August we see two Chinese varieties, the orange-red CHENGTU and HANKOW, orange with red eye, the buds of which are cooked as a vegetable; both spread by long rhizomes. JIMMIE JUNIOR is a wide open red with light center stripe in the petals. DOROTHY McDADE is like HYPERION, but begins to bloom as Hyperion finishes. VESTA is orange. THYRSE has picturesque small orange-buff flowers charmingly arranged along the stem. Its parent, the old late lemonlily, blooms a little earlier. The first real August bloomer, AUGUST PIONEER, has many small pinkish orange flowers.

Most of the late fall flowers are second bloomings of the yellow spring kinds. We have several good fall kinds coming on. The most promising one is COLONEL BESLEY, the profuse, wide, full, bell-shaped flowers, orange brown, with large dark brown eye.